

# Health Care Funding Sources

## GENERAL INFORMATION ON RURAL HEALTH GRANTS

FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES RELEVANT TO RURAL HEALTH

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/richs/grants.htm>

FOUNDATIONS: CURRENT FUNDING PROGRAMS AND MASTER LIST

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/richs/foundat.htm>

FOUNDATION CENTER COOPERATING COLLECTION a good source of information on foundations url <http://www.fdncenter.org>

## DIRECT GRANTS

1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH SYSTEMS RESOURCES PROGRAM (STATE) State Grant Program targeted to rural and urban underserved populations. Funding is appropriated each biennium, awards are made via a competitive application process. For more information see url <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh>
2. WASHINGTON HEALTH FOUNDATION HEALTH VIABILITY GRANT PROGRAM (PRIVATE) Grant Program targeted to rural health care providers to maintain viability and access to care. Awards are made via a competitive application process. For more information see url <http://www.whf.org>
3. HRSA OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM (FEDERAL) Grants are available to support the direct delivery of health care and related services to a rural public or nonprofit private organization that is part of a network of at least three entities. (Organizations that provide services to migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural areas and are supported under Section 330(g) of the PHS Act are eligible regardless of the urban or rural location of the administrative headquarters.) Awards are made each year via a competitive application process. For more information see url <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>
4. HRSA NETWORK GRANT PROGRAM (FEDERAL) Grants are available too support the planning of vertically integrated health care networks in rural areas. The emphasis of the program is to develop the organizational capabilities of these networks. A rural public or non-profit private organization that is or represents a network and is located in a rural county, or, an organization constituted exclusively to provide services to migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural areas and supported under Section 330(g) of the Public Service Act, is eligible to apply for this grant. Awards are made annually via a competitive application process. For more information see url <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>
5. HRSA RURAL TELEMEDICINE GRANT PROGRAM (FEDERAL) Grants are available to any public or private non-profit entity that is a health care provider or a consortium of providers that are members of an existing or proposed telemedicine / telehealth network. The applicant may be located in a rural or an urban area. Grants may be used to develop integrated systems of health care, improving access to health services for rural citizens and reducing the isolation of rural health care practitioners. Awards are made annually via a competitive application process. For more information see url <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>

6. HRSA COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM (FEDERAL) Grants are available to assist communities and their safety net providers in developing integrated health care delivery systems that serve the uninsured and underinsured with greater efficiency and improved quality of care. Urban or rural public or non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. This is the first year of this grant program, awards are made via a competitive application process. For more information see url <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>
7. STATE RURAL HOSPITAL FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM (FEDERAL DOLLARS PASSED THROUGH THE STATE) Washington State is participating in this program and will have dollars available to support the development of Critical Access Hospitals. Funding will be available to eligible hospitals to transition to a Critical Access Hospital and to rural entities for the development of networks, quality improvement programs, and emergency service enhancement in areas served by Critical Access Hospitals. Additional funding will be available in the fall of 2000 for a one year period. For more information see url <http://doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh>
8. RURAL MOBILITY GRANT (STATE) establishes, preserves, and improves public transportation in and between rural communities. Contact Valerie Rodman 360-705-7979 or see url <http://wsdot.wa.gov/pubtran/grants>
9. ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON PROGRAM (PRIVATE) See url <http://rwjf.org/main.html>.
10. KELLOGG FOUNDATION (PRIVATE) See url <http://wkkf.org/>
11. KRESGE FOUNDATION (PRIVATE) awards challenge grants for capital projects, including building construction and renovation, and for the purchase of major equipment and real estate. No geographic restrictions. 810-643-9630.
12. NORTHWEST AREA FOUNDATION (PRIVATE) 612-224-9635
13. PACIFIC NORTHWEST GRANT MAKERS FORUM (PRIVATE) 206-624-9899
14. BEN B. CHENEY FOUNDATION (PRIVATE) 253-572-2442
15. A TERRITORY RESOURCE (PRIVATE) 206-624-4081, ext. 13
16. MILBANK MEMORIAL FUND (212) 355-8400 e-mail [mmf@milbank.org](mailto:mmf@milbank.org)
17. MURDOCK FOUNDATION (PRIVATE) 360-694-8415
18. FOUNDATION NORTHWEST (SPOKANE ONLY) (PRIVATE) 509-624-2606
19. WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE (PRIVATE) 206-528-2331
20. AREA UNITED WAY OR UNITED GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAMS
21. WASHINGTON STATE EMS GRANT PROGRAM (STATE) Available through Regional EMS Councils Contact 360-705-6700 for information

## **LOANS AND SUBSIDIES**

1. Washington Health Care Facilities Authority provides access to capital funding through tax-exempt interest rate loans. For more information see url <http://www.whcfa.wa.gov/>
2. Universal Service Fund provides subsidies for rural telecommunication services. For more information see url <http://www.universalservice.org/>
3. U.S. Department of Commerce Technology Opportunities Program has programs targeted for telecommunications and information infrastructure assistance. For more information see url <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>
4. USDA has a variety of programs targeted to rural areas. For more information contact Paul Johnson 360-704-7761 or see url <http://www.usda.gov/>
5. HUD has a 242 program that provides loans for capital financing for rural hospitals. Contact Chris Rudy 301-443-5386
6. Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development has a variety of programs targeted to rural areas. For more information see url <http://www.cted.gov/>
7. Rural Utilities Service has a Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program with grants and loans. For more information see url <http://www.usda.gov/rus/dlt/dlml.htm>

## **GRANTS AND/OR ENHANCED REIMBURSEMENT**

1. Community and Migrant Health Centers (Federal) Applications to become or to maintain status as a Community and Migrant Health Center are due annually. This program is designed to promote the development and operation of community based primary health care services in medically underserved areas for medically underserved populations. Grants are given to selected entities. Enhanced reimbursement is also available to these entities. For more information see url <http://hrsa.dhhs.gov/>
2. Rural Health Clinics (RHC) must be located in communities that are both "rural" and "underserved". They may be proprietary or not-for-profit. They must meet certain federal requirements and be certified by Medicare. They receive enhanced reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid patients, but no grants or subsidies. For more information see url <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh>
3. Washington State Community Clinics may obtain grants to support primary health care services or dental services. Clinics must meet certain criteria. Contact Bob Blacksmith at 360-923-2755 or see url <http://www.wa.gov/hca>.
4. Medicare 10 Percent Rural Bonus. Under this program HCFA gives a 10 percent bonus payment for Medicare-reimbursable physician professional services (excludes technical or diagnostic services) provided within the geographic health professional shortage area. The Office of Community and Rural Health 360-705-6770 has maps of geographic health professional shortage areas or can tell you the process for determining whether your area might qualify as a shortage area. Medicare bonus payments are available for

Physician professional services by contacting Charlene Carico 515-974-3600 or see url <http://www.noridian.com/medweb>.

## **OTHER ASSISTANCE**

1. Washington State J-1 Visa Waiver Program provides up to 20 visa waivers per year to allow foreign trained physicians to work in underserved areas of Washington State. For more information see url <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh>
2. State Loan Repayment and Scholarship Program provides scholarship and student loan forgiveness in exchange for a service commitment in an underserved area in Washington State. For more information call Kathy McVay 360-586-3472 or see url <http://www.doh.gov/hsqa/ocrh>
3. Rural Locum Tenens Program help to arrange for and financially support temporary coverage for health care providers (MD/DO, ARNP, PA and Pharmacist) in rural areas when they are unavailable due to illness, vacation, or attendance in training programs. For more information call AHEC @ WSU Spokane 509-358-7640 or see url <http://www.doh.gov/hsqa/ocrh>
4. Volunteer Retired Providers (MD/DO, ARNP, PA, Dental Hygiene, DDS and Pharmacist) are supported by having their malpractice insurance and license fee paid. For more information contact the WWAHEC at 206-441-7137 or see url <http://www.doh.gov/hsqa/ocrh>
5. Rural Landscape Economic Model is available after July 2000 to rural communities who want to show the inter-relationship between their health care system and local economy. The model utilizes local zip code level data and allows "what if" modeling. For more information contact Office of Community and Rural Health at 360-705-6770 and ask for Alice James or Bev Court.
6. National Health Service Corps health care professionals are available for service in underserved areas. For more information contact Mary Looker at 360-705-6764 or see url <http://www.hsra.bphc.gov/>